

Remarks

In response to the examiner's restriction requiring an election between Species A (figures 1-8), Species B (figures 9-14), and Species C (figures 15-18), Applicant hereby provisionally elects to pursue species A, which Applicant submits is covered in part by claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, 15 through 16, 19 and 22.

Though the Examiner asserts that currently no claims are generic, applicant submits that independent claim 1 is generic, and in fact covers all species A-C. Species A-C are similar in that they all include a plurality of parallel upstanding margins which include an uppermost edge ascending concavely and defining a tire engaging interface, where each of said uppermost edges further include scalloping defining a plurality of sawteeth each having an apex comprising said tire engaging interfaces. The primary distinguishing features between those species is the transverse support, which is not introduced until dependent claim 3. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's restriction requirement and respectfully requests that all species, as denoted by the examiner, be considered.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2456. Also, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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